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Gary K. Law et al.

Application No.: 10/668,013

Filed: September 22, 2003

For: COORDINATION OF FIELD DEVICE
OPERATIONS WITH OVERRIDES AND
BYPASSES WITHIN A PROCESS CONTROL
AND SAFETY SYSTEM

Confirmation No.: 1912

Art Unit: 2857

Examiner: Edward Raymond

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IDS

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Dear Sir:

This paper is response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 22, 2005. Upon review of the case, applicants note that the examiner does appear to have considered certain pieces of art submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement mailed by the applicants on October 21, 2004 and, in particular, the foreign references cited in that Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, while the examiner has signed off on each of the U.S. references as well as on each of the non-patent literature documents, the examiner has not indicated that he has considered the foreign patent documents. The examiner is respectfully requested to consider this art, if the examiner has not already done so, and to provide an updated form 1449A/B/PTO indicating the consideration of this art. (A copy of the original 1449A/B/PTO is included herewith for the examiner's convenience.)

Applicants note that the art was properly cited prior to the first Office Action and, therefore, should be considered by the examiner in this case without payment of any fee. If the Office has any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the assigned number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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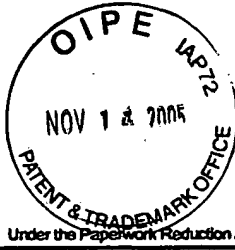
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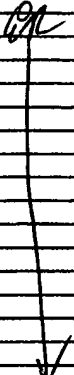
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